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In re: FOEGLER *et al.*

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For: *Internally Reinforced Tubular Food Casing Containing Protein*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 12 of this paper.